

**National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594**

Brief of Accident

Adopted 02/20/2002

ATL01LA074 File No. 11432	07/06/2001	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Aircraft Reg No. N812MA	Time (Local): 19:00 EDT		
Make/Model:	Cessna / 208B			Fatal	Serious	Minor/None
Engine Make/Model:	P&W / PT6-114A		Crew	0	0	2
Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed		Pass	0	0	0
Number of Engines:	1					
Operating Certificate(s):	None					
Type of Flight Operation:	Positioning					
Reg. Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation					
Last Depart. Point: Freeport, UN			Condition of Light: Day			
Destination: Ft. Lauderdale , FL			Weather Info Src: Weather Observation Facility			
Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip			Basic Weather: Visual Conditions			
			Lowest Ceiling: None			
			Visibility: 10.00 SM			
			Wind Dir/Speed: 120 / 008 Kts			
			Temperature (°C): 29			
			Obstr to Vision:			
			Precipitation:			
Pilot-in-Command	Age: 23		Flight Time (Hours)			
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)			Total All Aircraft: 3700			
Airline Transport; Flight Instructor; Commercial; Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land			Last 90 Days: 200			
Instrument Ratings			Total Make/Model: 1200			
Airplane			Total Instrument Time: 550			

While in cruise flight at 6,500 feet, the airplane's engine jolted and made a whining noise. The propeller stopped and feathered. Attempts to restore engine power were unsuccessful. An emergency was declared, and the airplane was ditched into the Atlantic Ocean 20 miles east of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The airplane was not recovered for post-crash examination.

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Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER
Phase of Operation: CRUISE

Findings

1. (C) PROPELLER SYSTEM/ACCESSORIES - SUDDEN STOPPAGE
2. (C) ENGINE SHUTDOWN - INITIATED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: DITCHING
Phase of Operation: EMERGENCY DESCENT/LANDING

Findings

3. (C) TERRAIN CONDITION - WATER
4. (F) POWERPLANT - LOSS,TOTAL
5. (F) REASON FOR OCCURRENCE UNDETERMINED

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.
The undetermined malfunction of the propeller system.